

Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

Meeting Minute September 13, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:14pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gene Propper, Chuck Metcalf, Valerie King, Melissa Drury, Randy Magoon, and Mike Housman (Coordinator)

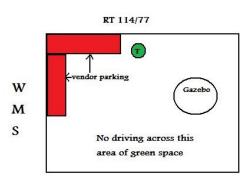
250TH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

• Terri Wahnowski, Jane Schneider and Helen Kurk from the 250 Celebration Committee spoke about the Committee's work and asked PARC for input and assistance/coordination with this project. The group is raising money through fundraisers including t-shirt and ornament sales. The recent telethon raised \$10-12K. For more information about this project, see the Committee's website at:

http://www.weare250th.org/

WEARE FARMER'S MARKET

• Ian McSweeney and Wendy Stevens came to address concerns PARC had regarding parking at the Farmer's Market. At issue was possible damage to the green space as a result of venders driving and parking on the grass. There were also concerns about guest parking and potential safety issues it creates. See drawing below for parking suggested by PARC. Gene will speak with Tim (Hwy Dept) about filling in the dip by the big tree along Rt. 114/77.



- There has been a problem with the faucet(s) in the gazebo area being left on. Nylon ties that were put on the faucets have been cut. Mike will ask Naomi and/or Highway Dept. if they know where the pump shut off is located.
- Ian asked if the groups could work together to develop a comprehensive list of concerns and solutions so that issues can be resolved before they become problems. Possibly develop a MOU that spells out each parties expectations.

• Wendy asked PARC to guarantee the Market's use of the green space in the future. The Committee can not make any such guarantees. The Market would need to fill out a facility use form after each season (November) for use the next year. It is possible that this space could be used by another farmer's market, but on a different day. Town events take priority for use of this space.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP)

- Members discussed possible projects including:
 - o Parking improvements at Bolton (per Master Plan)
 - o Field (grass) improvements to Purington Field
 - o Improve Water System (including making it potable) at Chase Park
 - o Adding misc. funds to the ball field CIP account
- Members agreed to ask for \$30K to be added to the ball field maintenance fund (for improvements to Purington Field) and \$20K to be added to the Chase Park fund (for a new well and improvements to the bathroom facilities).

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- The name plate on the dock needs to be moved. The screws holding it in place are sticking out and creating a possible safety hazard.
- Quote from Bruce at Cutting Blade for fertilizing all fields with Scotts was \$2100. Cost using other fertilizer was \$1300. Fields also need to be limed. Mike will take soil samples from each field to assess needs before fertilizing. Consider possibility of having volunteers spread the fertilizer to save on cost.
- Chase Staff cookout is this Sunday at 1PM. Members are encouraged to attend.
- Tony and his prison crew have done a very nice job with their clean-up efforts.
- Question raised as to whether PARC should add a sign restricting dogs from the playground area. There are no dog issues at this time, so signage is not needed.
- Request Highway Dept to attend to problem trees at Chase and the entrance to Bolton.
- Beach sand at Chase needs to be replenished. We are allowed 1 truck load every 2 years. It has been at least 2 years since this was last done.
- Suggested changes to the lawn care contract were submitted to Naomi (Town Administrator). The contract is expected to go out to bid this fall.

Chuck made a motion authorizing Mike to approve the lawn contract (to go out to bid) on behalf of PARC per amendment made by the members at this (913-11) meeting. Randy seconded the motion. 5-0-0. Motion carried

Melissa made a motion to approve the minute for the 8/9/11 meeting. Chuck seconded the motion. 5-0-0. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: ~9:32PM